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**AMENDMENT AND DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.131**

Dear Examiner Hoey:

This is a response to the Office Action dated August 19, 2005 in connection with the above identified patent application. Applicant submits the accompanying Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 in order to remove the Aarons reference (U.S. Patent No. 6,766,536) as potential prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102(e).